

Amendment and Response
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REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the office action mailed January 12, 2005. The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection raised by the examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance is hereby solicited.

Applicant has amended claims 1 and 12 to overcome the rejections and has added new claims 22 and 23. No new matter has been added. Claims 1 – 23 remain in the case.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102:

Claims 1, 5, 8 – 13, 18 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kamir (U.S. Publication 2002/0109663). Kamir describes a printing apparatus including a plurality of printing means, one for each color and a control unit. Each of the plurality of printing means represents a different color, and as can be seen in Figs. 3a print together as a printing unit.

Amended claim 1 of the subject application is distinguished over Kamir in having a plurality of printing sub-units, each of the sub-units printing an image narrower than the image being printed across the wide format substrate. The printing sub-units are positioned so that the printing output from the plurality of sub-units prints a printed image across the wide format substrate. In one non-limiting embodiment, as described in paragraph 17 - 19, each of the printing sub-units comprises a plurality of printing means of Kamir such as printing units for printing out primary colors.

Amended claim 12 of the subject application is distinguished over Kamir in having a plurality of printing sub-units, each of the printing sub-units printing an image narrower than the wide format image. The wide format image is thus printed as a result of the combination of the printing output of the plurality of narrower printing sub-units. Such a combination of printing of narrow individual images to arrive at a single wide format image is not taught by Kamir.

Claims 1 and 12 are thus deemed patentable over Kamir. Claims 5, 8-11, 12, 18 and 20 which depend on claims 1 and 12 respectively, are thus deemed patentable over Kamir.

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Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103:

Claims 2 - 4, 6, 7, 14 - 17, 19 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Kamir in view of Narushima et al (U.S. Patent 6,831,755)

Independent claim 1 has been amended as described above to recite a plurality of printing sub-units, each of the sub-units printing an image narrower than the image being printed across the wide format substrate. The printing sub-units are positioned so that the printing output from the plurality of sub-units prints a printed image across the wide format substrate. This is neither taught nor suggested by Kamir or Narushima. Claims 2 - 4, 6 and 7 which depend on amended claim 1 are thus deemed patentable over the combination of Kamir and Narushima.

Independent claim 12 has been amended as described above to recite a plurality of printing sub-units, each of the printing sub-units printing an image narrower than the wide format image. The wide format image is thus printed as a result of the combination of the printing output of the plurality of narrower printing sub-units. This is neither taught nor suggested by Kamir or Narushima. Claims 14 - 17, 19 and 21 which depend on amended claim 12 are thus deemed patentable over the combination of Kamir and Narushima.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims (i.e., claims 1 - 23) is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned agent by telephone through the below telephone number, or by e-mail at Simonka@Barak.net.il if it would in any way aid in the advancement of this application to issue.

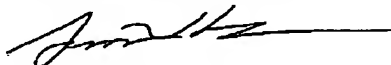
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